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- 1. LEE ENG, EDITOR OF GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED AND NORMALLY RESPONSIBLE WEEKLY, REALITES CAMBODGIENNES, HAS SHOWN EMBASSY COPY OF A TELEGRAM HE IS SENDING COMMERCIALLY TO THE SECRETARY, ASKING SERIES OF QUESTIONS TO WHICH HE SEEKS WRITTEN REPLIES FOR PUBLICATION.
- 2. QUESTIONS TURN AROUND PROSPECTS FOR NEW DIRECTION IN US POLICY, KHMER CREDENTIALS ISSUE, SECRETARY'S WILLINGNESS EMPLOY GOOD OFFICES WITH PEKING OR NORTH VIETNAM TO BRING ABOUT SETTLEMENT, WHETHER HE WILL COME TO PHNOM PENH TO SEE GKR OFFICIALS, WOULD HE BE WILLING TO MEET WITH GRUNK OFFICIALS, OTHER THAN SIHANOUK SUCH AS KHIEU SAMPHAS, ETC.
- 3. IT IS OBVIOUS THAT SUCH QUESTIONS CANNOT BE ANSWERED FOR PUBLICATION BY ANY USG OFFICIAL, LET ALONE THE SECRETARY. HOWEVER, IN LIGHT OF EMBASSY'S FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH LEE ENG AND RESPONSIBLE NATURE HIS PUBLICATION, WE HOPE THAT ACTION OFFICE CAN PROVIDE HIM WITH POLITELY WORDED REPLY, PERHAPS REITERATING SOME RECENT QUOTATION FROM SECRETARY ON CAMBODIA.DEAN

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